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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claim 1 (currently amended): A solid electrolytic capacitor comprising:

a capacitor element in which a plate-like [[an]] anode lead protrudes from one end of an anode member, and a plate-like [[an]] anode lead frame being laid on and attached to the anode lead by welding forming a portion for junction;

wherein a contact resistance enlarging portion is formed on the anode lead frame at the portion for junction where a contact a junction face of the anode lead frame with the anode lead, the area over which the anode lead frame comes into actual contact with the anode lead being smaller than an area of the portion for junction the portion other than the junction face.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A [[The]] solid electrolytic capacitor comprising: a capacitor element in which a plate-like [[an] anode lead protrudes from one end of an anode member, and a plate-like [[an] anode lead frame being laid on and attached to the anode lead by welding forming a portion for junction;

wherein a contact resistance enlarging portion is formed on the anode lead at the portion for junction where a contact a junction face of the anode lead with the anode lead frame, the area over which the anode lead comes into actual contact with the anode lead frame being smaller than an area

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of the portion for junction the portion other than the junction face.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the contact resistance enlarging portion includes any one of grooves, mottled portions, dimple portions, and protrusions and depressions that are provided on the <u>surface of anode lead</u> frame at the portion for junction junction face.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A [[The]] solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 1, comprising:

a capacitor element in which a plate-like anode lead protrudes from one end of an anode member, and a plate-like anode lead frame being laid on and attached to the anode lead by welding forming a portion for junction;

wherein <u>a</u> [[the]] contact resistance enlarging portion is <u>formed at the portion for junction</u> [[made]] by forming a front end portion of the anode lead frame <u>or the anode lead</u> to an angular shape or <u>a notched shape forming a notch in this front end portion</u>.

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (new): The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the welding is a resistance welding.

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Claim 7 (new): The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 4, wherein the welding is a resistance welding.

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